

*The Jefferson Graduate Fellowship Program is designed to enrich the University of Virginia by recruiting Ph.D., M.B.A., and J.D. candidates who embrace Thomas Jefferson's belief in a natural aristocracy of scholars and leaders to share their talents with the wider world for the common good.*



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**TERMS OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

**College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences**

- A living stipend of \$30,000 renewable for five years
- Research funds up to \$7,500
- Full tuition remittance
- Health insurance

**School of Engineering and Applied Science**

- A living stipend of \$30,000 renewable for four years
- Travel funds up to \$3,000
- Full tuition remittance
- Health insurance

**Darden Graduate School of Business**

- A living stipend of approximately \$20,000 renewable for two years
- Research and travel funds up to \$3,000
- Full tuition remittance
- Health insurance

**School of Law**

- A living stipend of \$20,000 renewable for three years
- Full tuition remittance
- Health insurance
- Available only to Virginia residents and graduates of the University of Virginia

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The Jefferson Fellowship is the premier graduate fellowship offered at the University of Virginia. It seeks to attract to the University those Ph.D., M.B.A., and J.D. candidates who show **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AND THE HIGHEST PROMISE** as scholars, teachers, public servants, and business leaders in the United States and beyond.

Jefferson Fellows **INTERACT WITH LEADING FELLOWS** across the Grounds of the University. They enhance the quality of the undergraduate learning experience, play a pivotal role in the recruitment and retention of superior faculty, and make a contribution to the University's intellectual vitality in a unique manner.

As **BROAD-RANGING THINKERS AND COMMUNICATORS**, Jefferson Fellows fulfill Thomas Jefferson's vision to share their talents with the wider world for the common good. Based solely on merit, the Jefferson Scholars Foundation and the University of Virginia seek to attract candidates who demonstrate exceptional potential as scholars and leaders and who possess a willingness to share their passion with a broad audience.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Ph.D., M.B.A., and J.D. candidates must first apply for admission to the University of Virginia. Jefferson Fellowship candidates are submitted to the Jefferson Scholars Foundation by the heads of each respective department or by a scholarship review committee at the University of Virginia. Based on their University application, students are then nominated to a national selection competition hosted by the Foundation.



## CRITERIA *(Awarded solely on the basis of merit)*

**College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences** — Competitive nominees will display exceptional ability and potential in two areas: scholarship and leadership. Candidates must do more than demonstrate interest in their field; they must also possess an eagerness and capacity to share their talents with a broad audience.

**Darden Graduate School of Business** — Competitive nominees will exhibit exceptional ability and potential in the following areas: ethical leadership, diplomatic decisiveness, and a track record of putting ideas into action, together with a superb record of academic achievement.

**The School of Engineering and Applied Science** — In addition to exceptional abilities and potential in the areas of scholarship, citizenship, and leadership, competitive nominees will have the potential to become extraordinary leaders in cutting-edge technology development in the nation and around the world. They will possess superior intelligence and a history of academic excellence while also demonstrating creativity, integrity, and honor. Successful candidates will be exceptional scholars with a passion for innovation.

**School of Law** — Competitive nominees will possess integrity, exceptional academic ability, and a clear potential for leadership and public service. Eligibility for the Jefferson Law Fellowship is limited to Virginia residents or graduates of the University of Virginia.

## FEATURES OF THE JEFFERSON FELLOWSHIP

### *The Jefferson Fellows Center*

The Jefferson Graduate Fellows Center is the home of the Jefferson Fellowship. Constructed in order to foster a community of leading thinkers, teachers, and citizens who enjoy interdisciplinary conversation and interaction, the Center serves as the locus of the Jefferson Fellows community.



### *Jefferson Fellows Symposium*

Open to the University, the Jefferson Fellows Symposium is designed to provide each Fellow with experience presenting original work for critical feedback in a public setting. The Symposium challenges Jefferson Fellows to present aspects of their research to members of the University community who are outside of the Fellows' chosen discipline.

### *Forum for Interdisciplinary Dialogue*

The Forum for Interdisciplinary Dialogue provides Jefferson Graduate Fellows the opportunity to discuss topics common to each of their fields. Each forum, held annually, considers a particular theme — chosen in advance — from the diverse perspectives inherent to the group. The Forum will be a site for discussion of current research as well as a collective sketchpad for mapping future work and ideas.

### *Monthly Meetings*

Jefferson Fellows meet monthly to visit socially and/or discuss broader issues of the day. The meetings may include inviting guest speakers to lead discussions, reviewing movies or films, or simply enjoying each other's company in a relaxing setting.

### *Engagement with Undergraduates*

Throughout the year special opportunities exist for Jefferson Fellows to collaborate and work with their undergraduate Jefferson Scholar counterparts. The Foundation hosts enrichment events geared to bring Fellows and Scholars together both socially and academically. The enrichment events provide time for conversation, reflection, and exploration.

